



Bid Number: 15-B010R		Bids will be received until: February 24, 2015 @ 12:00pm	
Bid Title: Workrite Uniforms for the Charleston Fire Department			
Mailing Date: January 30, 2015		Direct Inquiries to: Robin B. Robinson, Senior Buyer	
Vendor Name:		FEIN/SS#:	
Vendor Address:			
City – State – Zip:			
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:	
Minority or Women Owned Business: Are you a certified Minority or Women-Owned business in the State of South Carolina? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, please provide a copy of your certificate with your response.			
Authorized Signature: _____		Title: _____	
Date: _____			
I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder. This signed page must be included with bid submission.			

IMPORTANT

1. This solicitation does not commit the City of Charleston to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of applications submitted, or to procure or contract for the services. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any, all or any part of any Bid received as a result of this Solicitation, to award in lots or as a whole, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Solicitation if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. The City shall be the sole judge as to whether Bids submitted meet all requirements contained in this solicitation.
2. **Bidder may mail, or hand-deliver response to the Procurement Division.** Bids delivered to any other location will not be accepted. **Do Not Fax** in the Bid response. Please show the solicitation number on the outside of any mailing package. The City of Charleston assumes no responsibility for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes. If directing any other correspondence to the Procurement Division not related to the solicitation, please do not include the solicitation number on the envelope. If the Bidder chooses not to respond to this solicitation, it is recommended to return the “No Bid Response Form” to our office.
3. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFER:** Any Bid or offer received after the Procurement Director of the governmental body or his designee has declared that the time set for opening has arrived, shall be rejected unless the offer has been delivered to the designated purchasing office or the governmental bodies’ mail room which services that purchasing office prior to the Bid opening. [R.19-445.2070(H)]
4. Questions regarding this solicitation **must** be submitted to Robin B. Robinson in writing no later than **1:00 p.m. on February 11, 2015**. Questions may either be faxed to 843-720-3872 or emailed to Robin Robinson @ robinsonr@charleston-sc.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Number of Submittals required in this solicitation is stated in the General Information section of this Solicitation. Bids must be mailed or hand-delivered. **Responses received by fax or other electronic means (email, CD, etc.) will be rejected. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be addressed to the City of Charleston Procurement Division, 145 King Street, Suite 104 Charleston, SC 29401.** Failure to do so may result in a premature opening of, or failure to open such Bid. Each sealed envelope containing a Bid shall be marked on the outside with the Bidder's complete Name, Address, Solicitation Number, Description of Services Requested by along with the Due Date and Time. If you do not choose to submit a Bid, please complete and return the enclosed "No Bid" response form.

A "No Bid" qualifies as a response; however, it is the responsibility of the Vendor to notify the Procurement Office if you receive solicitations that do not apply. Failure to respond to three (3) solicitations during the calendar year may result in removal from Vendor's List.

2. Bidders must clearly mark as "**Confidential**" each part of their Bid which they consider to be proprietary information that could be exempt from disclosure under section 30-4-40, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 (1986 Cum. Supp.) (Freedom of Information Act). If any part is designated as confidential, there must be attached to that part, an explanation of how this information fits within one or more categories listed in section 30-4-40. The agency reserves the right to determine whether this information should be exempt from disclosure and no legal action may be brought against the state or its agents for its determination in this regard.
3. Bids must be made in the official name of the individual, firm, company, partnership, corporation, joint venture or other legal entity under which the business is conducted (showing official business address) and must be signed in ink by a person duly authorized to legally bind the legal entity submitting the Bid.
4. Bids should be typewritten or computer-generated; however, if this is not possible, the hand writing **must be legible**. A Bid shall include, but is not limited to, addresses of all legal entities which will participate in the proposed services. The type of organization of the Bidder, whether individual, firm, partnership, corporation, joint venture or other legal entity, shall be stated. Any affiliations, parent-subsidiary relationships, and corporate identities including the names of the principals of such legal entity must be fully disclosed and clearly explained.
5. If an error is made before submitting the Bid, the error should be crossed out, corrections entered and initialed by the person signing the Bid. Erasures or use of typewriter correction fluid may be cause for rejection. No Bid shall be altered or amended after specified time for opening.
6. Bids may be withdrawn by written request received from the Bidder prior to the time set for opening of Bids, but not thereafter.
7. Bids should be prepared simply and economically. All data, materials, and documentation shall be available in a clear, concise form and reproducible upon request "at cost" for the City's internal use. The City reserves the right to reproduce Bids for internal use in the evaluation process.

8. All Bids shall provide a straight forward, concise description of Bidder's ability to satisfy the requirements of the Solicitation.
9. All Addendum and Award Notices will be posted on our website: www.charleston-sc.gov, then click on the Bidline link.
10. The terms and conditions in this Solicitation shall prevail unless otherwise modified by the City of Charleston in an Addendum to this Solicitation. The City of Charleston reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any Bid which does not comply with such terms and conditions. The City of Charleston reserves the right to retain all Bids submitted and to use any ideas in a Bid regardless of whether that Bid is selected. Submission of a Bid indicates acceptance by the Bidder of the conditions contained in this Solicitation, unless clearly and specifically noted in the Bid submitted and confirmed in any resulting contract between the City of Charleston and the Bidder selected.
11. No substitutions shall be considered after the contract award except by Amendment.
12. The City seeks qualified vendors to be responsible for completion of the work described herein and the City reserves the option to award portions of the project to multiple Bidder if such is to the advantage of the City. Therefore, any one Bid submitted by more than one company shall be deemed to be a Bid for a joint venture between or among the companies so submitting Bids unless the Bid clearly and unequivocally describes that only one firm proposes to act as principal and the other firm(s) contractual position is clearly defined. The companies submitting as a joint venture shall be held jointly and severally responsible for the entire project and shall not be permitted to limit their liability to the City.
13. All Bids should be complete and carefully worded and shall convey all of the information requested by the City. If errors or exceptions are found in a Bid, or if the Bid fails to conform to the requirements of the Solicitation, the City shall be the sole judge as to whether that variance is significant enough to reject the Bid.
14. The City reserves the right to request satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish services in accordance with the terms and conditions listed herein. The City further reserves the right to make the final determination as to the Bidder's ability to provide said services.
15. The Bidder is solely responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the preparation of the Bid and of any supplementary presentation (including any oral presentation) requested by the City.
16. GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS
 - A) Gratuities. It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or Bid therefore.

- B) Kickbacks. It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor, or to hire any subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

17. BIDDER REPRESENTATIONS

Each Bidder by submitting a Bid represents that:

- A) The Bidder has read and understands this Solicitation (including all Specifications and Attachments) and that its Bid is made in accordance therewith.
- B) The Bidder has reviewed the Solicitation and has become familiar with the local conditions under which the scope of work is to be performed. The failure or omission of an Bidder to acquaint himself with existing conditions shall in no way relieve him of any obligation with respect to this Bid or any resulting contract.
- C) The Bid is based on the terms, materials, services and obligations required by this Solicitation, without exception.
- D) The Bidder is qualified to provide the services and equipment required under this Solicitation and, if awarded the contract, shall do so in a professional, timely manner using successful Bidder's best skills and attention.
- E) The Bidder is guaranteeing that all goods and services will meet the requirements of the Solicitation during the contract period.

18. COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT

It is the intent and purpose of the City of Charleston that this Solicitation permits competition. It shall be each Bidder's responsibility to advise the City if any language, provision, or other requirement, or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the satisfaction of the specifications stated in this Solicitation to a single source. Such notification must be submitted in writing, and must be received by the City of Charleston Procurement Division no later than the last date for written questions. Any such notification shall be reviewed by the City's Procurement Director.

19. ADDENDA/CHANGES

Any additions, deletions, modifications, or changes made to this Solicitation shall be processed through the City's Procurement Director. Any deviation from this procedure may result in the disqualification of the Bid or the cancellation of any contract resulting from this Solicitation. Requests for interpretation of this Solicitation and any other questions concerning the Solicitation shall be made in writing, and addressed to the City's Procurement Director, 145 King Street, Suite 104, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. Questions may be transmitted by fax, but it shall be the responsibility of the sender to confirm receipt by the City. These requests must be submitted by the deadline for written questions. Responses to said requests shall be made at the discretion of the City's Procurement Director. When issued, such interpretations and answers to such questions shall be in the form of an addendum to the Solicitation which shall be posted on the City's website, www.charleston-sc.gov. All such addenda shall become part of the Solicitation and each Bidder shall be

bound by such addenda whether or not received by the Bidder. The City of Charleston shall not be legally bound by any amendment or interpretation that is not in writing.

20. EVALUATION PROCESS

During the evaluation process the City of Charleston reserves the right, where it may serve the City of Charleston's best interest, to request additional information or clarification from Bidders, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

21. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- A) Award of contract shall be made to the most responsive and responsible Offeror(s) whose Proposal, conforming to the Solicitation, is most advantageous to the City of Charleston, price and other factors considered.
- B) The City of Charleston may, when in the best interest of the City, reject any or all Proposals or waive technicalities or informalities in any Proposals received.
- C) The City of Charleston shall be the sole judge of the suitability of the items or services to be provided pursuant to this Solicitation.
- D) The City may choose to award to more than one vendor if it is in the best interest of the City.
- E) Final approval may rest with members of the City Council for the City of Charleston.
- F) All things considered equal, a tie proposal will be resolved by the flip of a coin.

22. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Questions or problems arising after award of this contract shall be directed to the Contracts Coordinator by calling (843) 965-4184. Copies of all correspondence concerning this contract shall be sent to the Contract Coordinator, 145 King Street, Suite 104 Charleston, SC 29401.

23. NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

The successful Bidder shall be notified of acceptance of its Bid by a written Notice of Award of Contract. Successful Bidder(s) shall not undertake any work, and City shall not be responsible for payment for any work whatsoever undertaken by the successful Bidder(s) prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

24. NOTICE TO PROCEED

A Notice to Proceed shall be issued after the Contractor(s) has executed the contract and has submitted acceptable Insurance Certificate(s) and Endorsement(s) and Performance and Payment Bonds to the City as well as other submittals specified herein as required to be delivered before the Notice to Proceed is issued. The Contractor(s) shall not commence work until it has received a written Notice to Proceed from the City's Director of Procurement.

25. OTHER CONTRACTS

The City of Charleston may undertake or award other contracts for portions of the work or additional work, and the Contractor(s) shall fully cooperate with such other contractors and City of Charleston employees and carefully fit its own work to such work as may be directed

by the City. The Contractor(s) shall not commit or permit any act which shall interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or by City of Charleston employees.

26. MODIFICATION

The City's Director of Procurement shall have the unilateral right to modify any contract resulting from this Solicitation, within the general scope of work, when said modification is in the best interest of the City. The right to issue change orders is not dependent upon the consent of the successful Bidder(s). At the direction of the Director of Procurement the successful Bidder is obligated to perform the revised contract. Contract fees or prices shall be equitably adjusted where an issued change order so demands. No claim by the successful Bidder(s) for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under aforesaid contract.

27. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Successful Bidder is an independent contractor and shall not be deemed the agent or employee of the City of Charleston for any purpose whatsoever.

28. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Upon the consummation of the contract for the services being solicited in this Solicitation and receipt of the Notice of Award by the successful Bidder (the "Contractor"), the Contractor shall, at all times during the term of the contract, carry insurance as required by the insurance requirements outlined in the insurance attachment which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The City shall not issue a Notice to Proceed until the Contractor has submitted acceptable insurance certificates(s) or endorsement(s), which must be submitted within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the Notice of Award, and which reflect that the required coverages are in place and that all premiums have been paid. Refusal or failure to submit such certificate(s) or endorsement(s) shall constitute grounds for the City to revoke its notice of award, forfeit Bid security, and award the contract to another contractor. The City may contact the Contractor's insurer(s) or insurer(s)' agent(s) directly at any time regarding its coverages, coverage amounts, or other such relevant and reasonable issues related to this contract. The Contractor(s) shall also require any sub-contractors to carry the same coverages in the same amounts. Faxed Insurance Certificate(s) and Endorsement(s) shall be accepted if received no later than the time of contract execution and the original documents are received within one (1) business day after receipt of the fax transmittals.

29. INDEMNIFICATION

Except for expenses or liabilities arising from the negligence of the City, the Contractor who enters into a contract with the City of Charleston as a result of this Solicitation (the "Contractor") hereby expressly agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless against any and all expenses and liabilities arising out of the performance or default of this contract as follows:

The Contractor expressly agrees to the extent that there is a causal relationship between its negligent, reckless or intentionally wrongful action or inaction, or the negligent, reckless or intentionally wrongful action or inaction of any of its employees or any person, firm, or corporation directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor, and any damage, liability, injury, loss or expense (whether in connection with bodily injury or death or property damage or loss) that is suffered by the City and its employees or by any member of the public, to indemnify and save the City and its employees harmless against any and all

liabilities, penalties, demands, claims, lawsuits, losses, damages, costs, and expenses arising out of the performance or default of this Contract. Such costs are to include defense, settlement and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the City and its employees. This promise to indemnify shall include bodily injuries or death occurring to Contractor's employees and any person directly or indirectly employed by Contractor (including without limitation any employee of any subcontractor), the City's employees, the employees of any other independent contractors, or occurring to any member of the public. When the City submits notice, Contractor shall promptly defend any aforementioned action. This obligation shall survive the suspension or termination of the contract. The limits of insurance coverage required herein shall not serve to limit this indemnity obligation. The recovery of costs and fees shall extend to those incurred in the enforcement of this indemnity.

30. BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

The City reserves the right to request satisfactory evidence of any Bidder's ability to furnish services in accordance with the terms and conditions listed herein. The City further reserves the right to make the final determination as to the Bidder's ability to provide said services. We reserve the right to investigate the qualifications of any respondent under consideration, require confirmations of information furnished, and require additional evidence of qualifications to perform the work described in this Solicitation, contact references, and request an audited financial statement in order to determine a potential contractor's capabilities.

31. ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor(s) shall not assign in whole or in part its duties under the contract without the prior written consent of the City of Charleston. The Contractor shall not assign any money due or to become due to it under this contract without the prior written consent of the City of Charleston.

32. SUBCONTACTORS

- A) If any subcontractors shall be used for this project, the Contractor shall provide to the City's Director of Procurement a list of names of any of the intended subcontractors, the subcontractor's applicable license number(s), and a description of the work to be done by each subcontractor, if requested.
- B) The Contractor(s) shall not substitute other subcontractors without the written consent of the City's Director of Procurement.
- C) Contractor(s) shall be responsible for all services performed by a subcontractor. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, compliance with any applicable licensing regulations.
- D) If at any time the City's Director of Procurement determines that any subcontractor is incompetent or undesirable, he shall notify the Contractor(s) accordingly, and the Contractor(s) shall take immediate steps for cancellation of the subcontract and replacement thereof with a subcontract that is approved by the City of Charleston.
- E) Nothing contained in any contract resulting from this Solicitation shall create any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the City of Charleston.

33. SUSPENSION OF WORK

The City may order the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the Work for such period of time as the City may determine to be appropriate for the convenience of the City of Charleston, or for noncompliance with the contract requirements.

34. TERMINATION

- A) For Convenience: The City reserves the right to terminate the contract with the Contractor when it is in the best interest of the City, including, but not limited to non-appropriation of funds. If the contract is so terminated, the City shall provide the Contractor with sixty (60) days written notice and shall compensate Contractor for all necessary and reasonable direct costs of performing the services actually accomplished as of the date of termination. No other costs shall be allowed for a termination for convenience. No damages shall be allowed for a termination for convenience.
- B) For Default: If the Contractor fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, (specifically the quality of the product and the just in time delivery requirements), the City shall notify the Contractor in writing with the specifics regarding such noncompliance. The City then reserves the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Contractor within thirty (30) days and shall be entitled to recover all fees, costs, claims or damages incurred as a result of the Contractor's breach of this Agreement, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of legal action instituted by the City to collect such fees, costs, claims or damages. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any costs or damages resulting from a termination for default.

35. MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP; WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS

- A) If equipment, materials and supplies are to be a part of the service provided, all equipment, materials, and supplies incorporated in the work covered by the Bid and provided by the Contractor(s) are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Solicitation, reference to any equipment, material, supply or patented process, by trade name, make or catalog number, shall not be construed as limiting competition. When requested, the Contractor(s) shall furnish to the City for approval the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information respecting the performance, capacity, nature and rating of the machinery and mechanical and other equipment which the Contractor(s) contemplates incorporating in the work. When required by this Contract or when called for by the City the Contractor(s) shall provide full information concerning the material or supplies which he contemplates incorporating in the work. Machinery, equipment, material and supplies installed or used without the required prior approval shall be at the risk of subsequent rejection.
- B) By signing its Bid, the successful Bidder(s) shall be deemed to have represented that its staff is knowledgeable about and experienced in performing the work required in this Solicitation and warrants that it shall use best skill and attention to provide the above described work in a professional, timely manner.
- C) The City may, in writing, require the Contractor(s) to remove from the work any employee the City deems incompetent, careless or otherwise objectionable.

36. COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations of any authorities shall be binding upon the Contractor(s) throughout the pendency of this Project. The Contractor(s) shall be responsible for compliance with any such law, ordinance, rule or regulation, and shall hold the City harmless and indemnify same in the event of non-compliance as set forth in the Contract.

37. PERMITS AND LICENSES

A) The Contractor(s) shall, without additional expense to the City of Charleston, be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses and permits required by the State of South Carolina, or the City of Charleston or any other authority having jurisdiction.

B) Contractors and subcontractors are responsible at all times for obtaining applicable work permits and licenses of any kind.

38. GOVERNING/CONTROLLING LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina. The Agreement and any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to the Agreement shall, in all respects, be interpreted, construed, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the City of Charleston. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in a Circuit Court for the Ninth Judicial Circuit sitting in Charleston, South Carolina. Contractor agrees that any act by the Government regarding the Agreement is not a waiver of either the Government's sovereign immunity or the Government's immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United State's Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "Agreement" means any transaction or agreement arising out of, relating to, or contemplated by this solicitation. The parties expressly agree that the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to the contract. The prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney's fees and the cost of said litigation.

39. STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

A) Except as otherwise provided, contract prices shall *include* all applicable state and local taxes.

B) If applicable, two percent (2%) income tax withholding shall be withheld from each and every payment pursuant to Sections 12-8-540 and 12-8-550 of the *South Carolina Code of Laws* (1976, as amended) for certain out-of-state contractors, and such sums shall be paid over to the South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation (the "SCDRT"). When and if the City receives an executed SCDRT Form I-312, Nonresident Taxpayer Registration Affidavit - Income Tax Withholding, such withholding shall cease.

C) Contractor shall calculate that portion of the contract which is subject to the eight and one-half percent (8.5%) South Carolina sales and/or use tax, which amount shall be itemized and shown on all invoices, and shall be paid to the SCDRT by Contractor. If Contractor is a non-South Carolina company, the City shall withhold said amount from all invoices and remit payment to the SCDRT, unless Contractor furnishes City with a valid South Carolina Use Tax Registration Certificate Number.

- D) Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City for any loss, cost, or expense incurred by, levied upon or billed to the City as a result of Contractor's failure to pay any tax of any type due in connection with the contract.

40. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The contents of this Solicitation, including all drawings, attachments, specifications, exhibits, certificates, any addenda, Contractor's Bid Response Form and Pricing List, and affidavits shall become part of the contract for this Project.

41. PRIME CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The contractor shall be required to assume sole responsibility for the complete effort as required by this Solicitation. The City shall consider the contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters.

42. OWNERSHIP OF MATERIAL:

Ownership of all data, material and documentation originated and prepared for the City pursuant to this contract shall belong exclusively to the City.

43. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

(Note: This clause applies to any resultant contract of \$50,000 or more). The City of Charleston has amended Title 44, code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to health, by adding Chapter 107, so as to enact the Drug-Free Workplace Act. (See Act No. 593, 1990 Acts and Joint Resolutions). By submission of a signed Bid, you are certifying that you shall comply with this Act. (See Section 44-107-30). This shall certify to the using agency your compliance.

44. FUNDING

Bidders shall agree that funds expended for the purposes of the contract must be appropriated by the City of Charleston for each fiscal year included within the contract period. Therefore, the contract shall automatically terminate without penalty or termination costs if such funds are not appropriated. In the event that funds are not appropriated for the contract, the Bidder shall not prohibit or otherwise limit the City's right to pursue and contract for alternate solutions and remedies as deemed necessary by the City for the conduct of its affairs. The requirements stated in this paragraph shall apply to any amendment or the execution of any option to extend the contract.

45. SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(August 2002): (An overview is available at www.state.sc.us/mmo/legal/foia.htm) For every document Bidder submits in response to or with regard to this Solicitation, Bidder must separately mark with the word "CONFIDENTIAL" on every page, or portion thereof, that Bidder contends contains information that is exempt from public disclosure because it is either (a) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1), or (b) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. For every document Bidder submits in response to or with regard to this Solicitation, Bidder must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" on every page, or portion thereof, that Bidder contends contains a trade secret as that term is defined by Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. For every document Bidder submits in response to or with regard to this Solicitation, Bidder must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" on every page, or portion thereof, that Bidder contends is protected by Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text. Bidder

shall not mark its entire Bid (bid, proposal, quote, etc.) as confidential, trade secret, or protected! If a Bid or any part thereof, is improperly marked as confidential or trade secret or protected, the City may, in its sole discretion, determine it non-responsive. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, Bidder shall not be allowed to mark the entire page. By submitting a Bid to this Solicitation, Bidder (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page of every document regarding this Solicitation that was submitted at any time prior to entering into a contract (including, but not limited to, documents contained in a response, documents submitted to clarify a response, and documents submitted during negotiations), unless the page is conspicuously marked "TRADE SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROTECTED", (2) agrees that any information not marked, as required by these bidding instructions, as a "TRADE SECRET" is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, any prices, commissions, discounts, or other financial figures used to determine the award, as well as the final contract amount, are subject to public disclosure. In determining whether to release documents, the City shall detrimentally rely on Bidder's marking of documents, as required by these bidding instructions, as being either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "TRADE SECRET" or "PROTECTED". By submitting a Bid, Bidder agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Charleston, its officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the City withholding information that Bidder marked as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "TRADE SECRET" or "PROTECTED". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)

46. RECORDS RETENTION & RIGHT TO AUDIT

The City shall have the right to audit the books and records of the Contractor as they pertain to this contract. Such books and records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under the contract. The City may conduct, or have conducted, performance audits of the Contractor. The City may conduct, or have conducted, audits of specific requirements of this Bid as determined necessary by the City. Pertaining to all audits, the Contractor shall make available to the City access to its computer files containing the history of contract performance and all other documents related to the audit. Additionally, any software used by the Contractor shall be made available for auditing purposes at no cost to the City.

47. COST

Costs submitted with a Bid shall be firm for a period of at least ninety (90) days from the closing date. All prices shall be firm-fixed type, unless stated otherwise.

48. UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

Bidders not awarded a contract under this solicitation, may request return of their Bids within thirty (30) days after notification of award is mailed. All cost of returns shall be paid by the Bidder. If Federal Express, UPS, or other shipping number is not received with request, all materials shall be destroyed.

49. PAYMENT FOR GOODS & SERVICES

Payment for goods & services arising out of the contract resulting from this Solicitation and received by the City shall be processed within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice.

50. DISCUSSION/NEGOTIATION:

By submission of a Bid, an Bidder agrees that during the period following issuance of a Bid and prior to final award of contract, the Bidder shall not discuss this Procurement with any

party except members of the City's Procurement Division or other parties specifically designated in this solicitation.

51. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Contractor(s) shall not discriminate against any individuals based upon age, sex, race, disability or religion and shall abide by the requirements contained in Federal Executive Order Number 11246, as amended, including specifically the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

52. DEFAULT

In case of default by the Contractor, the City reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the Contractor with any excessive costs. Should such charge be assessed, no subsequent response will be accepted from the defaulting Contractor until the assessed charge has been satisfied.

53. FORCE MAJURE

The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the Governments in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.

54. EXCEPTIONS AND DEVIATIONS

Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out; otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and successful Bidder will be held accountable. Deviations must be explained by accompanied documentation identifying and justifying all exceptions and deviations. Unidentified deviations found during the evaluation of the response may be cause for rejection.

55. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT TERMS

Prompt payment discount terms will be calculated from the point of complete order acceptance for services and/or commodities ordered.

56. REJECTION

The City reserves the right to reject any Bid that contains prices for individual items or services that are unreasonable when compared with the same or other Bids if such action is in the best interest of the City.

57. ARBITRATION

Under no circumstances and with no exception will the City of Charleston act as Arbitrator between the Contractor and any Sub-Contractor.

58. GUARANTEE AND WARRANTIES

The Bidder shall state his normal warranty and any extended warranties where available. Excluding any manufacturer's warranties and in addition to other warranties as provided by law or herein, all labor and materials are warranted to be free from defects for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) months after the date of final payment by the City.

59. PUBLICITY RELEASES

Contractor agrees not to refer to any award of a contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the user.

60. AMENDMENTS

All questions and written responses, interpretations, corrections or changes to the RFP will be made by Addendum. Addenda will be mailed or otherwise delivered to all Bidders who have notified the City Procurement Division of receipt of the Bid.

61. WITHDRAWALS

Bids may be withdrawn by written request received from the Bidder prior to the time set for opening of Bids, but not thereafter.

62. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The successful Bidder will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap.

63. WAIVER

The City reserves the right to waive any Instruction to Bidders, General or Special Provisions, General or Special Conditions, or specifications deviation if deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

64. RESPONSE PERIOD

All responses shall be good for a minimum period of ninety (90) calendar days.

65. TERMS

The initial term of the Agreement shall be for one year. The City reserves the right to extend the Agreement if the City determines the extension is in its best interest; said extension will be on an annual basis and shall not exceed four (4) additional one (1) year periods.

NO BID RESPONSE FORM

Bid Number: 15-B010R		Bids will be received until: February 24, 2015 @ 12:00pm	
Bid Title: Workrite Uniforms for the Charleston Fire Department			
Mailing Date: January 30, 2015		Direct Inquiries to: Robin B. Robinson, Senior Buyer	
Vendor Name:		FEIN/SS#:	
Vendor Address:			
City – State – Zip:			
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:	
Minority or Women Owned Business: <small>Are you a certified Minority or Women-Owned business in the State of South Carolina? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, please provide a copy of your certificate with your response.</small>			
Authorized Signature: _____		Title: _____	
Date: _____			
<small>I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder. This signed page must be included with bid submission.</small>			

To submit a **“No Bid”** response for this project, this form must be completed for your company to remain on our Bidder’s list for commodities/services referenced. If you do not respond, your name may be removed from the Bidder’s list.

Please check statement(s) applicable to your **“No Bid”** response

- ☐ Specifications are restrictive; i.e. geared toward one brand or manufacturer only (explain below).
- ☐ Specifications are ambiguous (explain below).
- ☐ We are unable to meet specifications.
- ☐ Insufficient time to respond to the solicitation.
- ☐ Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- ☐ We are unable to meet bond requirements.
- ☐ We are unable to meet insurance requirements.
- ☐ We do not offer this product or service.
- ☐ Remove us from your vendor list for this commodity/service.
- ☐ Other (specify below).

Comments: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF FAMILIARITY

The undersigned, having fully familiarized himself with the information contained within this entire solicitation and applicable amendments, submits the attached Bid, and other applicable information to the City, which I verify to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this Bid response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a Bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment or services in all respects, fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to Bid by all conditions of this solicitation and certify that I am authorized to sign this Bid. ***By submission of a signed Bid, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the company identified below complies with section 12-54-1020(B) for the SC Code of Law 1976, as amended, relating to payment of applicable taxes.*** I further certify all prices submitted shall remain effective for a minimum period of ninety (90) days, unless otherwise stated.

Company Name
As registered with the IRS

Authorized Signature

Correspondence Address

Printed Name

City, State, Zip

Title

Email

Telephone Number/Toll Free Also (If Available)

Remittance Address

Fax Number

City, State, Zip

Date

Federal Tax ID (FEIN)/SS Number

SC Sales Tax Number

Minority or Women-Owned Business:

Are you a certified Minority or Women-Owned business in the State of SC?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please provide a copy of your certificate with your response.

CITY OF CHARLESTON LOCAL VENDOR RECOGNITION AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me _____ (the "Bidder seeking Local Vendor Recognition") who, after being duly sworn, does hereby depose and certify that the Bidder seeking Local Vendor Recognition identified in this bid response and who signs below meets the following qualifications for local vendor recognition as provided in Sections C and E of the City of Charleston's Procurement Policy:

1. The bid is for construction services or goods and supplies only and is greater than \$20,000;
2. Has a physical business address located within the City of Charleston and has been doing business in the City of Charleston for a period of 12 months or more prior to the bid opening date - (A post office box or temporary construction or office trailer will not be considered a place of business);
3. Has a valid City of Charleston business license which was issued at least 12 months prior to the bid opening date;
4. Provides a copy of its current City of Charleston business license with its bid;
5. Provides proof of payment of all applicable City of Charleston licenses, taxes and fees with its bid;
6. Is in compliance with any applicable federal, state and local requirements regarding the type of business in which the Local Vendor is engaged.

By submitting this Affidavit, the Bidder seeking Local Vendor Recognition understands that in addition to meeting the requirements set forth above, in order for the Bidder seeking Local Vendor Recognition to qualify for local vendor recognition, his bid must be within 4% or \$10,000, whichever is lower, of the bid amount of the lowest responsive and responsible non-local bidder for said construction services or goods and supplies, and he requests that the local vendor recognition as set forth in Sections C and E of the City's Procurement Policy be exercised in consideration of the contract award of this bid. Failure to complete and return this Affidavit with the specified attachments set forth above with his bid will result in not being eligible to receive the benefits of the local vendor recognition.

BUSINESS NAME: _____

CHARLESTON STREET ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ TITLE: _____

By: _____
(Print Name)

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____,
State of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____(SEAL)
Notary Public for _____
My Commission Expires _____

MWBE Compliance Provisions and Instructions

Minority/Women Business Enterprise Program Forms

This Project is covered under the City of Charleston's Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program, administered by Theron Snype, MBE Manager, 145 King Street, Suite 104, Charleston SC, 29401, (843) 973-7247.

The City has established goals for both Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE). An MBE is a small business owned and controlled by a minority. A WBE is a small business owned and controlled by a woman. The minority or woman must own fifty-one percent (51%) of the business and they must control the management and daily operations of the business in order to qualify.

Charleston City Council has adopted a policy setting 20% as the guidelines for combined minority-owned and women-owned business enterprise participation for this project. This MWBE requirement for participation in this Contract for services shall be made a part of any contract resulting from this solicitation. These requirements shall also apply to all subcontracts issued by the successful bidder(s).

All bidders must document the extent of their MWBE participation by completing the MWBE Compliance Provision Forms.

All MBE/WBE subcontractors must have a Certificate of Eligibility on file with the City's Minority Business Enterprise Office. A list of certified minority and women-owned firms can be found on the City of Charleston's web site www.charleston-sc.gov under "BIDLINE" link or by contacting Theron Snype, MBE Manager, 145 King Street, Suite 104, Charleston, SC 29403, (843) 973-7247, snypet@charleston-sc.gov.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Bidder shall provide, **with their bid form submittal**, the following Affidavits properly executed which signify that the Bidder understands and agrees to abide by the City's MWBE Compliance Provisions.

- ☐ **Affidavit A - Listing of the Good Faith Effort to Identify & Secure Minority and Women-owned Business Participation.**

AND

- ☐ **Affidavit B – Work to be Performed by Minority and/or Women-owned Firms**

OR

- ☐ **Affidavit C – *Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce***, in making this certification the Bidder states that the Bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type of Project and will perform all elements of the work with his/her own current work forces.

Failure to comply with any of the statements, certifications, or intentions stated in the affidavits, or the MBE/WBE compliance provisions shall constitute a breach of the Contract. Any such breach may result in termination of the Contract in accordance with the termination provisions contained in the Contract. It shall be solely at the option of the City of Charleston whether to terminate the contract for breach. In addition to terminating the Contract, the bidder may be prohibited from participation in future solicitations as determined by the City of Charleston.

Name of Company: _____

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Witness

AFFIDAVIT A

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City of Charleston, South Carolina Listing of the Good Faith Effort

Affidavit of _____
(Name of Bidder)

I have made a good faith effort to comply with the City of Charleston's MWBE compliance provisions under the following checked areas:

(A minimum of 6 areas must be checked in order to have achieved a "good faith effort")

- 1. Contacted MWBE businesses that reasonably could have been expected to submit a quote and that were known to the Bidder, or available on Federal, State or local government maintained lists, at least 10 business days before the submittal date and notified them of the nature and scope of the work to be performed. **Complete Affidavit A, Page 2.**
- 2. Followed up with contacted MWBE subsequent to the initial contact and at least 72 hours prior to submittal deadline/bid opening either by phone, facsimile or in person.
- 3. Made the construction plans, specifications, and requirements available for review by prospective MWBE businesses, or providing these documents to them at least 10 business days before the submittal deadline/bid opening.
- 4. Itemized elements of the work or combined elements of the work into economically feasible units to facilitate MWBE participation.
- 5. Attended any pre-solicitation meetings scheduled by the City.
- 6. Provided MWBE assistance with getting required bonding or insurance requirements or provided alternatives to bonding or insurance.
- 7. Negotiated in good faith with interested MWBEs and did not reject them as unqualified without sound reasons based on their capabilities. ***(Any rejection of a minority or woman-owned business based on lack of qualifications shall include reasons for rejection documented in writing.)***
- 8. Provided MWBEs assistance with securing needed equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letters of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required. Assisted MWBEs in obtaining the same unit pricing with the Bidder's suppliers in order to help such businesses in establishing credit.
- 9. Provided training or mentoring to at least two (2) MWBEs within 120 days prior to submittal deadline/bid opening. The training or mentoring program should be in conjunction with local trade groups, technical schools or community organizations that provide recruitment, education or skill levels.
- 10. Negotiated joint venture, partnership or other similar arrangements with MWBEs in order to increase opportunities for MWBE participation.
- 11. Provided quick pay agreements and policies to enable MWBE contractors and suppliers to meet cash-flow demands.

I hereby agree to enter into a formal agreement with the firms listed in Affidavit B Work to be performed by Minority Firms conditional upon execution of a contract with the Owner. Failure to abide by this provision will constitute a breach of the contract.

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to the terms of the Minority / Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program, and I am the Bidder or I am authorized to bind the Bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: _____ Name of Authorized Officer (Print/Type): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

AFFIDAVIT A

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City of Charleston, South Carolina Minority/Women-Owned Business Participation Efforts

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

I, _____, hereby certify that on this project we contacted the following minority/women-owned business enterprises as subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or providers of professional services.

1. Minority Firm Name and Contact	Minority Firm Address
Minority Firm Telephone Number _____ Minority Firm Fax Number _____ DBE Certification Number _____	Minority Group Type <input type="checkbox"/> (African American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Women) <input type="checkbox"/> (Asian American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Hispanic) <input type="checkbox"/> (American Indian) <input type="checkbox"/> (Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up Verification
2. Minority Firm Name and Contact	Minority Firm Address
Minority Firm Telephone Number _____ Minority Firm Fax Number _____ DBE Certification Number _____	Minority Group Type <input type="checkbox"/> (African American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Women) <input type="checkbox"/> (Asian American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Hispanic) <input type="checkbox"/> (American Indian) <input type="checkbox"/> (Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up Verification
3. Minority Firm Name and Contact	Minority Firm Address
Minority Firm Telephone Number _____ Minority Firm Fax Number _____ DBE Certification Number _____	Minority Group Type <input type="checkbox"/> (African American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Women) <input type="checkbox"/> (Asian American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Hispanic) <input type="checkbox"/> (American Indian) <input type="checkbox"/> (Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up Verification
4. Minority Firm Name and Contact	Minority Firm Address
Minority Firm Telephone Number _____ Minority Firm Fax Number _____ DBE Certification Number _____	Minority Group Type <input type="checkbox"/> (African American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Women) <input type="checkbox"/> (Asian American) <input type="checkbox"/> (Hispanic) <input type="checkbox"/> (American Indian) <input type="checkbox"/> (Other) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up Verification

I certify, under penalties of perjury, that I have examined the information in this affidavit, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, this information is true, correct and complete.

Date: _____ Name of Authorized Officer (Print/Type): _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature: _____

Notary Public for the State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Title: _____

Print Name: _____

Notary Seal:

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

AFFIDAVIT B

City of Charleston, South Carolina Work to be Performed by Minority/Women-Owned Businesses

Affidavit of _____ . I hereby certify that on the
(Name of Bidder)

_____, Total Project Amount \$ _____
(Project Name)

I will make a good faith effort to expend a minimum of _____% of the total dollar amount of the Contract with minority/women-owned business enterprises. Minority/women-owned businesses will be employed as subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or providers of professional services. Such work will be subcontracted to the following businesses listed below:

(Attach additional sheets if needed)

Name and Phone Number	*Minority Code	Work Description	Dollar Value
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

Total MBE Participation: _____ % \$ _____

* Minority categories: African American (**B**); Hispanic (**H**); Asian American (**A**), American Indian (**I**);
Woman Owned (**W**); Other (**D**)

I will enter into a formal Contract with the above minority/women-owned business enterprises for the work listed in the above schedule conditional upon execution of a Contract with the Owner.

I certify that I have read the terms of this commitment and I am the Bidder or authorized to bind the Bidder to the commitment set forth herein. I certify, under penalties of perjury, that I have examined the information in this affidavit, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, this information is true, correct and complete.

Date: _____ Name of Authorized Officer (Print/Type): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public for the State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Seal:

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

AFFIDAVIT C

City of Charleston, South Carolina Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce.

Affidavit of _____
(Name of Bidder)

I hereby certify that it is our intent to perform 100% of the work required for the _____
_____ contract.
(Name of Project)

In making this certification, the Bidder states that the Bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type Project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform all the elements of the work on this Project with his/her own current work forces, and

The Bidder agrees to provide any additional information or documentation requested by the Owner in support of the above statement.

I hereby certify that I have read this certification and I am the Bidder or I am authorized to bind the Bidder to the commitments contained herein. I certify, under penalties of perjury, that I have examined the information in this affidavit, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, this information is true, correct and complete.

Date: _____ Name of Authorized Officer (Print/Type): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public for the State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Notary Seal:

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractors working for the City of Charleston are required to procure and maintain for the duration of their contract with the City insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with work performed by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or Subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

- A. The Contractor shall carry liability insurance with a reliable company licensed to do business in South Carolina. Coverage shall be at least broad as:
 - 1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (“occurrence”) CG 00 01 10 93.
 - 2. Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage Form CA 00 01 6 92 covering automobile liability, code 1 “any auto”.
- B. Contractor shall carry workers’ compensation as required by the State of South Carolina and Employers Liability insurance (including applicable occupation disease provisions and all state endorsements.)
- C. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than the following:
 - 1. **GENERAL LIABILITY:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury with a \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit.
 - 2. **AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
 - 3. **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION:** Statutory limits are required by South Carolina state law, and employer’s liability limits of \$100,000 per accident.
 - 4. **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY:** \$1,000,000 per claim/\$1,000,000 aggregate limit, with a deductible of \$20,000.

Contractor shall obtain and maintain a professional liability insurance policy covering the performance of the professional services specified in this agreement. Evidence of such insurance shall be satisfactory in form and content to the owner, the City. This coverage shall be maintained through the duration of this project and for a minimum of 1 year after substantial completion of the project as determined by the City.

The Contractor and any of its subcontractors will cause the professional liability insurance required in this paragraph C.4:

- (a) to be excess insurance over any project professional liability policy, and

- (b) to be primary insurance in the event the project insurance described in Paragraph E is canceled or not maintained, in the event the policy's limits of liability are exhausted, or if the policy expires.

D. Required policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

The City of Charleston, its officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractors; premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City of Charleston, its officials, employees or volunteers. To accomplish this objective, the City of Charleston shall be named as an additional insured under the Contractor's general liability policy by attaching Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Endorsement CG2010 10 93 (Additional Insured - Owners, Lessees or Contractors - Form B) or its equivalent. Contractors' insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City of Charleston, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City of Charleston, its officials, employees, or volunteers shall be in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not be required to contribute. To accomplish this objective, the following wording should be incorporated in the previously referenced additional insured endorsement.

Other Insurance: This insurance is primary, and our obligations are not affected by any other insurance carried by the additional insured whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis.

Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the Contractor's policies shall not affect coverage provided to the City of Charleston, its officials, employees or volunteers.

2. Workers' Compensation

The Contractor shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City of Charleston, its officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the City of Charleston.

E. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

F. Each insured policy required by the City of Charleston shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the City of Charleston.

- G. All coverages for Subcontractors shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.
- H. Insurance must be placed with an approved insurance company with current Best's rating of A+, A, or A-. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved in writing by the Department of Risk Management.
- I. Contractor shall furnish the City of Charleston with Certificates of Insurance noting the endorsements. The Certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the City of Charleston, Procurement Division, before work commences. The City of Charleston reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

Required certificates should be mailed to:

City of Charleston
Procurement Division
145 King Street, Suite 104
Charleston, SC 29401

References

Bidders must supply a minimum of five references for which they have provided the same or similar services being requested here on a contract basis during the last three (3) years.

Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone/Fax: _____ Email: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone/Fax: _____ Email: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone/Fax: _____ Email: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone/Fax: _____ Email: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone/Fax: _____ Email: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Charleston, South Carolina is soliciting bids from qualified vendors to provide Workrite Uniforms for the Charleston Fire Department.

QUESTIONS

Every effort has been made to insure that all information needed by the Vendor is included herein; however, questions are allowed and encouraged to clear up any information as described herein, etc. The City will not accept telephone calls or visits regarding this RFP. **All questions shall be in writing and addressed to: Robin B. Robinson, City of Charleston, Procurement Division, 145 King Street, Suite 104, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, or email to: robinsonr@charleston-sc.gov. Written Questions may also be faxed to: 843-720-3872. All questions must be received before 1:00pm on February 24, 2015.** No interpretation shall be binding upon the City unless in writing from the City's Corporate Counsel.

ORAL STATEMENTS

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. The City of Charleston shall not be legally bound by any amendment or interpretation that is not in writing.

NON-ENDORSEMENT

If a Bid is accepted, the successful Vendor shall not issue any news releases or other statements pertaining to the award or servicing of the agreement that state or imply the City's endorsement of the successful Vendor's product or services.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

If a Vendor does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, the Vendor shall identify all proprietary information in the Bid. This identification will be done by individually marking each page with the words "Proprietary Information" or "Confidential" on which such proprietary information is found. If the Vendor fails to identify proprietary information, it agrees that by submission of its Bid that those sections shall be deemed non-proprietary and made available upon request through the Freedom of Information Act.

UNAUTHORIZED COMMUNICATIONS

Respondents' contact regarding this Bid with employees or officials of the City of Charleston will result in disqualification from this procurement process. Any oral communications are considered unofficial and non-binding with regard to this Bid. The only authorized contacts for this procurement are any designated Procurement staff.

CONTRACTOR SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMANCE

Vendor shall be responsible for the performance of the services required by the contract. Vendor is an independent contractor and does not act as the City's agent or employee.

VENDOR'S DUTY TO INSPECT & ADVISE AND DECLARE ALL COSTS

Each Vendor shall become fully acquainted with the City's requirements and the scope of commodities and/or services to be provided. Vendor shall have a duty to request any information from the City as it deems necessary to prepare the Bid. No change order will

be granted or additional compensation permitted if based upon information the Vendor knew or should have known as part of the Vendor's duty to become acquainted with the City's circumstances and requirements.

BID PREPARATION

All proposals should be complete and carefully worded and must convey all the information requested by the City of Charleston. If significant errors are found in the Vendor's Bid, or if the proposal fails to conform to the essential requirements of the Bid, the City, and the City alone, will be the judge as to whether that variance is significant enough to require rejection of the bid.

****Please provide one (1) Unbound (Paper Clip, Rubber band, etc.) Original, 2 Bound Copies and 1 electronic copy (Flash Drive or CD).**

*****Vendors must provide references and must have references showing experience with Workrite.**

******Vendor shall have previous experience working with Workrite uniforms.**

SPECIFICATIONS

Vendor must provide a complete statement regarding materials and workmanship warranties offered on each item in this solicitation. The City reserves the right to ask for this information on items not listed in this solicitation.

Vendor must be able to apply sewn-on name strip, rank specific insignia and department patches. Successful Vendor will be given a sample of the actual insignia and patches upon award.

The Vendor shall work directly with each City employee to take his/her order including alteration measurements, alterations, sewing on of patches, insignias, and the embroidered employee's name strip. Patch attachment and embroidery needs shall include: **Illustration indicating the specific location of insignias and fire department patch.**

Vendor shall require City employee to present official City of Charleston identification and shall have them sign documents pertaining to their purchase. It will be the responsibility of the Vendor to record the employee's identification information. Vendor will be completely responsible for costs of uniforms and other items that cannot be matched with an authorized City employee.

Vendor shall provide alterations including but not limited to: waist, hem, seat of pants, zippers, sleeves and side-seams on shirts for uniform purchases at no additional cost. Embroidery work shall be provided at the cost stated on Cost Proposal. Alterations and attachment of patches on previously purchased items shall be performed at cost on the Cost Proposal. Any items needed to perform requirements of this solicitation (i.e. thread, buttons, zippers, hooks, etc.) shall be furnished by the Vendor. All hems must be done in a manner that conceals the thread line as much as possible. All sewing and alterations shall be done in a first class manner consistent with a first class tailoring shop. All supplies and materials shall be first class, of the proper color, and be able to withstand extreme wear. In the event any stitching becomes undone within sixty (60) days of alterations or repair, the Vendor shall repair it at no cost to the City.

Vendor must stock sizes S-XXXL for men and S-XXXL for women. Vendor must have storefront operations and maintain an adequate inventory of items specified in this solicitation in order to comply with a turn-around time (TAT) of 3 days or less in the case of emergencies. Any item that is not in stock shall be delivered within one week after receipt of order.

The Vendor awarded the contract will provide all patches, insignia and sewn-on items as required for the uniform. All articles of clothing will be supplied to the employee neatly pressed.

If the Vendor has not previously performed the services for the City, the City reserves the right to require a test period to determine if the Vendor can perform in accordance with the requirements of the contract, and to the City's satisfaction. Such test period can be from thirty (30) to ninety (90) days, and will be conducted under all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the contract. A performance evaluation will be conducted

prior to the end of the test period and that evaluation will be the basis for the City's decision to continue with the Vendor or to select another Vendor.

Any charges exceeding uniform allowance shall be billed to employee. All repairs will require written authorization via a Charleston Fire Department work order specifying the work to be completed. The vendor will be responsible for uniform repair cost for work completed without the appropriate authorization work order. No repairs will be made to civilian clothing belonging to an employee unless specifically authorized on the work order. Any alterations to the seat area of any trousers shall be at the employee's expense, unless specifically authorized by a work order. The tapering of any uniforms will be totally at the expense of the employee.

The City may require additional items/duties of a similar nature, but not specifically listed in this solicitation. The Awarded Vendor shall agree to provide such items/duties, and shall provide the City prices on such additional items or duties based upon a formula or method which is the same or similar to that used in establishing the prices in his Proposal. If the price(s) offered are not acceptable to the City, and the situation cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to procure those items from other vendors, or to cancel the contract upon giving the Vendor sixty (60) days written notice.

If any additional discounts are offered, please provide a statement on how discounts are applied and/or what items or services they are for.

NOTE: Vendors must either:

- 1) Submit published price list(s) with their proposal (on paper or electronic format), or
- 2) Provide a Web address where the list(s) may be accessed.

Please check one of the following:

Price list(s) attached and submitted with this proposal. _____

Price list(s) available at the following Web address: _____

Vendor Questionnaire:

1. What would be the maximum number of days you would require to complete any of the above tasks? _____ days
2. List below the location(s), street address and city where the work will be performed? Is the work done in-house or sub-contracted? If it is sub-contracted, provide information on the sub-contractor.

3. Is the embroidery performed in-house or sub-contracted? If sub-contracted, provide information on the sub-contractor. Also provide information on turn-around time for embroidery.

4. What are your days and hours of operation?

5. What is the number of years' experience you have in providing similar services?

_____ Years

6. List the names of those persons who will have a management or senior position working with the City if you are awarded the contract. List name, title or position, and project duties.

7. Describe inventory limitations or any other factor that might affect the two week turn-around time required by the City.

Embroidery. While alterations and attachment of patches and insignia is included as part of the price of uniform articles, embroidery may be charged as a separate cost. If there is an additional cost to embroider names, state cost below.

Additional Items and Accessories. There may be occasions when Uniformed Employees may require items not listed in this solicitation. The City would like to have a discount off of other related items that are offered by your company and covered by their uniform allowance. Please state an overall discount, or discounts for other items offered by your company in the space below or on a separate sheet.

Description/Category Discount	Brand/Mfg. Name	%

There may be occasions when Uniformed Employees may need alterations, attachment of insignias, embroidery of names, etc., after the initial purchase of an item. Please provide a description of the cost for such service in the space below or on a separate sheet.

Warranties. Vendor warrants that the workmanship and/or merchandise will conform to its description and any applicable specifications and shall be of good, merchantable quality and for the known purpose for which it is sold. This warranty is in addition to any standard warranty of service guarantee given by Vendor to the City.

Proposal Contents

Compliance with Specifications/Quality of Uniforms/Testing Confirmation for Compliance and Quality

1. Provide a detailed list of any deviations or discrepancies to proposal specifications. State life expectancy of uniform items as processed through normal commercial dry cleaning equipment or home laundering as per manufacturer's instructions.
2. Vendor must provide an embroidered sample of insignias and patch emblem for the City of Charleston included in this proposal with bid submittal and/or sample of a logo provided for another fire department entity to demonstrate vendor's quality of badge and emblem embroidery.
3. Describe quality assurance program in effect, name and location of contact person for customer service and management. Maximum response time and follow-up process for customer service issues.
4. Vendor/manufacturer shall maintain testing facilities to ensure all raw materials meet specifications as outlined in proposal garment specifications and provide documentation to verify compliance by manufacturer.

Quality and Organization of Proposal Submission

1. All proposals will be evaluated for completeness, organization and submission of required data and materials.

Turnover Time in Supplying New Uniforms

1. Vendor shall state maximum lead time required in fitting and supplying Charleston Fire Department for initial setup and for fill-in orders after receipt of order.
2. State whether vendor is capable of maintaining ample inventory to comply with a just-in-time contract as stated.
3. State whether vendor will keep items in stock with emblems, striping or badges sewn on items for quicker turn-around for orders. The City will agree to buy-out all remaining items in inventory that have been pre-sewn with emblems and/or striping at the end of the contract term or early termination of contract, if amount does not exceed an annual estimate of purchase.

Order Processing Options

1. State methods available for your company to accept orders.
2. State and describe if your company utilizes the internet ordering process thru a secure site.
3. Vendor may be requested to demonstrate the website ordering process during the evaluation.

15-P010R CFD Uniforms
Vendor: _____

QTY	U/M	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
		Charleston Fire Department Uniform Supplies		
600	Each	Workrite Shirts #700NX45MN, Midnight Navy		
600	Each	Workrite Pants #402NX75MN, Midnight Navy		
600	Each	Sewn-on Name Strips		
600	Sets	Insignia (Rank Specific Collar Insignia)		
600	Each	Charleston Fire Department Patch		
1	Each	Embroidery Set Up Fee		
		* Sizes range from S – 3XL		
		** Nomex NFPA Compliant		
		Shipping		
		Sub-Total		
		8.5% Tax		
		Total		

Vendor's Checklist

1. Did you provide required information and sign the front page of the solicitation?
____ Yes ____ No
2. Did you sign the Certificate of Familiarity form?
____ Yes ____ No
3. Did you sign the City of Charleston M/WBE Compliance Provisions forms?
____ Yes ____ No
4. Did you sign the applicable Affidavit?
____ Yes ____ No
5. Did you mark your "Original" Bid and provide the required # of copies?
____ Yes ____ No
6. Did you complete and include all pricing sheets?
____ Yes ____ No
7. Did you include the required references?
____ Yes ____ No
8. Did you provide a copy of insurance and all other documentation requested?
____ Yes ____ No
9. Did you include and sign any addenda?
____ Yes ____ No
10. Did you double check to make sure you have included everything that is requested?
____ Yes ____ No

If you have any concerns, please do not wait until after opening to raise them. **At that point, it is too late. If this solicitation includes a pre-bid conference or a question & answer period, raise your questions during this time.** Please read the bid carefully.

This checklist is included only as a reminder to help Bidders avoid common mistakes. Responsiveness will be evaluated against the solicitation, **not** against this checklist. You do not need to return this checklist with your response.